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ANOMALIES AND CURIOSITIES OF MEDICINE. Being an Encyclopedic Collection of Rare and Extraordinary cases, and of the most Striking Instances of Abnormity in all Branches of Medicine and Surgery, derived from An Exhaustive Research of Medical Literature, from its Origin to the Present Day, Abstracted, Classified, Annotated, and Indexed. By GEORGE M. GOULD, A.M., M.D., and WALTER L. PYLE, A.M., M.D. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders. 1897.

"It seems a curious fact," says the preface, "that there has never been any systematic gathering of medical curiosities. . . . The foregoing volume appears to be the first thorough attempt to classify and epitomize the literature of this nature. It has been our purpose to briefly summarize and to arrange in order the records of the most curious, bizarre, and abnormal cases that are found in medical literature of all ages and all languages—a *thaumatographia medica*." This work is evidently the result of a vast amount of research, "medical literature of all ages and all languages having been carefully searched." The authors have included, as a rule, only such cases, anomalous in general or special points, as they believe to be authentic, and show considerable discrimination in determining the credibility of the various alleged abnormities. Obviously such a work has its value from the medico-legal point of view, especially where, as here, the contents are systematically arranged, and there is in addition to a general index, containing numerous cross-references to the subject discussed, a convenient bibliographical Index and a Table of Contents. The work contains 968 pages, 54 of which are devoted to the Indexes, and is profusely illustrated.

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